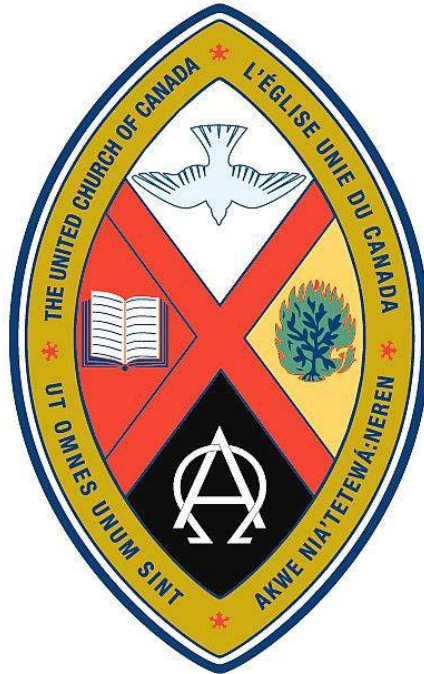


2023 Annual Report



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The purpose of St. Andrew's United Church Eston is to be a loving, caring, welcoming community of God's people and to provide opportunities for people to strengthen their faith.

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**Review of books was not available at time of printing. A copy will be available in the office for you to peruse at a later date.*

**Structure and Composition of
St. Andrew's United Church Session – 2023**

Worship	Christian Education	Stewardship
Lona Benson Sandra Hodgins Mervin Hanson	Lacey Owens	Wayne Sinclair Kristin Wagner Cliff Olorenshaw Isaac Hintze
Membership	Outreach	Ministry & Personnel
Brenda Ormsby Dave Hewitson	Brenda Ormsby Val Mohan Lona Benson Lacey Owens	Val Mohan Sandra Hodgins Brenda Ormsby
Properties & Manse		Audio Visual
Wayne Sinclair Mervin Hanson Kristin Wagner Cliff Olorenshaw Isaac Hintze		Mervin Hanson Isaac Hintze Wayne Sinclair

Chairperson of Session – Mervin Hanson

Clerk of Session – Dianne Anderson

Retiring in 2024

Wayne Sinclair (2)
Lacey Owens (1)
Cliff Olorenshaw (1)
Lona Benson (1)

Retiring in 2025

Mervin Hanson (2)
Dave Hewitson (1)

Retiring in 2026

Val Mohan (2)
Brenda Ormsby (2)
Sandra Hodgins (2)
Kristin Wagner (2)
Isaac Hintze (1)



Minister's Report

It seems hard to believe, but June 30 marks the end of my three year contract here at St. Andrew's. In some ways it doesn't feel like I have been here that long and in others it feels like I have been here forever. Dave and I have definitely found our home.

At the Lenten Lunch that I provided worship for the scripture used was Mark 8:31-38. Jesus was talking to his disciples about leaving everything behind in order to do God's work. Asking them to set aside human things and set their minds on divine things instead; giving up everything in order to follow the way of the Lord.

In some ways Dave and I did that in order to come here. We left behind our friends and our families. We also left behind a lot of 'stuff' that we didn't feel we needed here, but we also brought a lot of 'stuff' with us. Some we've used and some we need to rid ourselves of. There are times when we think it would have been better if we had sold everything we had and started over when we got here. We wonder what that would have looked like.

There are plans that are coming together which would continue my work here at St. Andrew's and you will hear more about that at the Annual Meeting. Dave and I are looking forward to continuing to live in Eston and I am looking forward to continuing to minister with all of you, should you decide to keep me on, that is ,lol!

God's blessings to you all as we complete 2023 and work together to make 2024 a fuller, brighter future together.

Pastor Doreen

Session Report

2023 continued the retrenchment and maintenance of the previous year. A new spring supper proved very successful. A restructuring of arrangements for catering funerals, etc. seems to be working well. The properties and Manse committee continued to put in a great deal of work maintaining our buildings.

Doreen has continued to involve herself even deeper into Eston community activities as well as in the church's provincial organization.

We continue to be involved in fighting the national church's desire to eliminate the current usage of Designated Lay Ministers.

As always, we were able to continue running smoothly due to the unstinting work and co-operation of our members. As several key members of Session must retire in 2024 we need new board members. Please consider joining us – we need you!

Respectfully submitted,
Mervin Hanson

Ministry and Personnel Report

The M & P committee consists of a minimum of 3 members of the church Board. Responsibilities include:

- being available for consultation and support for matters involving the pastoral charge staff
- overseeing the relationship between the pastoral charge staff to each other and to people in the congregation
- regularly reviewing the working conditions, responsibilities, and compensation of all pastoral charge staff
- conducting annual performance reviews, revising position descriptions of all pastoral charge staff
- ensuring pastoral charge staff make use of opportunities they have been given for continuing education

We thank our church staff, Doreen, Dianne and Veronica, for their positivity and knowledge in each of their areas of expertise and all things related to the church. We are very fortunate to have them and appreciate their guidance and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Val Mohan, Sandy Hodgins & Brenda Ormsby

Properties, Building & Manse

2023 was a year with no major expenses incurred; just normal maintenance as follows:

-number of jobs were completed at the manse; new faucets were installed in the upstairs bathroom and kitchen. Also new sink for kitchen installed. Downstairs bathroom toilet had new ports installed to stop it from leaking. Two natural gas leaks were discovered in the basement and repaired. Window a/c unit purchased for manse.

-Church sanctuary has had a number of light bulbs replaced with LED bulbs purchased by Bob Mickleborough. This work completed by Cliff Warren. The lift door was repaired by Access 2000.

-Sink and toilet in ladies washroom repaired with new parts; C.E. steps repaired and painted

-Discovered that our lack of heat in the secretary and minister's office was because of the heat pipes in the crawl space have rusted away. With a little ingenuity the existing pipes have been temporarily repaired so heat is now reaching those areas and not just the crawl space. Also large cracks in the foundation were repaired to stop cold air coming in.

Respectfully submitted
Cliff Olorenshaw, Wayne Sinclair, Mervin Hanson, Isaac Hintze

Worship Committee Report

The Worship Committee shares in the planning of worship when the minister is away, assists with the sacraments (Communion and Baptism), ensures that worship happens for the church year (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Advent, Lent and special days: Thanksgiving, Remembrance, White Gift, Grad Sunday, etc.) We also are responsible for finding guest ministers in the absence of our minister and greeters and ushers for the Sunday services.

We have been blessed to have Doreen lead us in worship and prayer again this past year. We really appreciate her!

Gloria Prentice, Dale Worrall, Dave Hewitson, Catherine Christie and Debra Springer (pulpit exchange) have led us in Sunday worship in Doreen's absence.

We also provide lodge services once a month; many thanks to Doreen and the volunteers that provide this ministry. We would like to thank all the ushers, camera operators, pianists, choir members and all those who help make our church a great place to worship.

May your time of worship bring you comfort, encouragement, and strengthen your faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Lona Benson, Sandy Hodgins, Mervin Hanson

Audio-Visual Report

A new audio-visual committee was struck this year with initial membership of Isaac and Mervin. We continue to stream each service and funeral onto YouTube. Most initial problems with the equipment seem to have been overcome. Thanks to the current roster of operators: Isaac Hintze, Wayne Sinclair, Wayne Wilberger and Mervin Hanson.

Respectfully submitted,
Mervin Hanson

Membership Committee Report

Total confirmed membership, December 31, 2022 – 212

During 2023 there were:

Weddings: none

Baptisms: none

Confirmations: none

Deaths: 7 (Lynn Warren, Bob Nelson, Herb Stevenson, Dollie Grimes,
Kenny McDonald, Jack Boyd, Desmond Brummund)

Members removed by death: 2

Members removed by transfer: 0

Members removed by request: 0

Members added by transfer: 1

Members added by profession of faith: 0

Resident members: 127

Non-resident members: 84

Total confirmed membership, December 31, 2023 – 211

Respectively submitted,
Brenda Ormsby, Dave Hewitson

Outreach Report

Greetings from Outreach.

Outreach served lunch after 5 funerals this year. If you are feeling missed and would like to donate please give the office or Val Mohan a call and leave your name. We are also on Facebook and you are most welcome to join our church FB ladies group.

We also participate in the 'Muffin Morning' at Eston Composite School; once each month there are muffins and juice provided for all the students. If you would like to bake some muffins they would be most appreciated.

We served pancakes and sausages for Shrove Tuesday. Thanks to Brenda Ormsby and Karen Holmes for organizing this. We also served lunch for the Lenten services; soup and fillings are required for these lunches. Another opportunity to donate!

This year we held our first lasagna supper and it was a great success. Thanks to everyone who purchased a meal. Huge thanks to Sandy Hodgins who spearheaded this fundraiser.

In June, we also recognize our Grade 12 graduates from ECS. They are invited to our Father's day hot dog family Sunday service and presented with a gift.

Every third Sunday of the month, the kitchen at the church is a buzz getting ready the hot dogs for family Sunday. Each committee of the church takes a turn at getting these ready and served. Please join us downstairs after the service.

Fall supper take out style was very popular served this way. Thanks to Sandy and Gwen and their workers. Many hands make light work. Without the members of St. Andrew's; this being our main fund raiser along with the on-line silent auction would not be possible.

Doreen held a quilt retreat in October and we provided soup and muffins for the quilters.

We have 2 groups that now look after funeral lunches.

As you can see we had a busy year. If any of these events interest you please give any of us in Outreach a call.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Ormsby, Val Mohan, Lona Benson, Lacey Owens

St. Andrew's United Church Senior Choir

Our choir assisted with the music for 3 funerals.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to Brenda Ormsby, Pat Johnston and Sandy Hodgins for accompanying our choir as well as providing music for our congregation.

Senior Choir financial statement

Chequing account as of December 31 st , 2023	\$873.96
Savings account as of December 31 st , 2023	<u>\$ 88.35</u>
	\$962.31

Respectfully submitted, Jean Minchin



Bible Study continues on Wednesday mornings 9:30 – 11:00. All are welcome. Seasons of the Spirit Adult Curriculum is no longer available therefore we are using Gathering resources for our study. Just let the office know if you would like a copy. Come and join us anytime, just bring a bible or borrow one from us.



We have coffee hour on Friday mornings at 10:00. All are welcome.



Join our crafting group which meets on Fridays at 1:30. We produce shawls and hats, and baby blankets for the hospitals and the chaplaincy to give out to those who are in need. Please join us on Fridays. Check the church calendar for dates.

Stewardship Report

The budget presented by the board for 2023 included revenues and expenditures of \$124,075.00. Our actual revenues were \$126,567.07 and expenditures were \$126,674.02 for a year-end budget deficit of \$106.95. Although, we have held back our National Assessment fee to the United Church of Canada in the amount of \$5,756.00. Your continued support coupled with very successful fundraisers of our Spring Lasagna take-out supper and our take-out Fall Supper & on-line Auction allowed us to have a minimal budget deficit.

We have presented a 2024 deficit budget of \$548.00 to the board including revenues of \$134,850.00 and expenses of \$135,398.00. We continue to be challenged by rising expenses and will require your continuing support for fundraising activities and local giving.

Full time ministry for our congregation has provided more visitation time and community involvement for our minister. We are confident the membership will continue to support our full time ministry.

Your donations to Mission & Service for 2023 were \$4,090.00, exceeding our goal slightly. Thank you. Please keep Mission & Service a priority, as it does so much for worthy causes.

We would also like to recognize and thank Dianne Anderson for her continuing faithful service to our congregation and board.

Thank you for your continuing support of the programs and ministry of St. Andrew's.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Sinclair, Cliff Olorenshaw, Isaac Hintze



St. Andrew's United Church Proposed Budget for 2024

Income:

Local	100,000.00
Use of Facilities	5,150.00
Fund Raisers	25,000.00
Outreach	2,700.00
GST Rebate	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total \$134,850.00

Expenses:

Minister's salary	52,228.00
Minister's travel	575.00
Resource allowance	1,640.00
Secretary's salary	8,700.00
Custodian's salary	6,000.00
CPP, EI, Pension, Group Ins.	14,829.00
CE	200.00
Worship/bulletins	1,250.00
Outreach	2,300.00
Heat/Power/Water	16,000.00
Office/postage	4,150.00
Telephone	2,500.00
Repair & Maintenance	1,500.00
Honorariums/Casual Wages & Mileage	3,900.00
Insurance & Taxes	8,640.00
Regional Assessment	5,756.00
Manse Upkeep	1,000.00
Accountant	555.00
Fund Raisers	2,100.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,575.00</u>

Total \$135,398.00

This gives us a deficit budget of \$548.00 for 2024

As of December 31, 2023

General operating account	\$140,444.44
CIBC GIC	\$13,952.35
Renovations checking	\$ 8,372.17
Renovation terms	\$10,900.09
CIBC – Mutual	\$ 2,384.57

Income and Expenses – Actual/Budget (December 31, 2023)

Income	Actual	Budget	Change
Energy Share/minister	800.00	800.00	0.00
GST – rebate	949.06	1,000.00	-50.94
Hot dog lunch	391.60	200.00	191.60
Local	99,583.91	98,000.00	1,583.91
Misc.	17.50	0.00	17.50
Photocopies & phone	60.00	100.00	-40.00
Special Events	18,462.00	18,000.00	462.00
Use of facilities – AA	1,500.00	1,200.00	300.00
Use of facilities – AIAn	33.00	150.00	-117.00
Use of facilities – funeral	400.00	1,000.00	-600.00
Use of facilities – Plays	1,325.00	1,700.00	-375.00
Use of facilities – Wed	0.00	0.00	0.00
Use of facilities – event	400.00	25.00	375.00
Upper Rm	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Outreach	2,645.00	1,800.00	845.00
Total Income	126,567.07	124,075.00	2,492.07
	Actual	Budget	Change
Expenses			
ADP Fees	414.21	400.00	-14.21
Accounting fees	555.00	555.00	0.00
Elevator licence	240.00	150.00	-90.00
Bulletins & Envelopes	266.01	250.00	-16.01
Casual wages	1,848.00	2,000.00	152.00
Christian Education	187.43	500.00	312.57
Church share – Sec. EI	165.05	140.00	-25.05
Church share – Cust. EI	107.90	150.00	42.10
Church insurance	5,816.22	4,300.00	-1,516.22
Church share – Min. EI	1,068.84	1,050.00	-18.84
Church share – Sec. CPP	308.55	285.00	-23.55

Church share – Cust. CPP	130.87	300.00	169.13
Church share – Min. CPP	2,580.37	2,450.00	-130.37
Church share – UC Pen/Min	4,218.03	4,230.00	11.97
Church share – UC Pen/Sec	723.84	900.00	176.16
Church share – Ben/min	4,339.84	4,350.00	10.16
Copier Contract	499.50	500.00	0.50
Custodian's wages	5,677.56	8,100.00	2,422.44
Heat	10,896.24	10,000.00	-896.24
Hotdog lunch	91.41	50.00	-41.41
Maintenance	1,449.66	500.00	-949.66
Manse tax	2,440.85	2,500.00	59.15
Manse Upkeep	499.98	1,000.00	500.02
Mileage	859.10	750.00	-109.10
Minister's wages	48,603.00	47,000.00	-1,603.00
Miscellaneous	1,072.04	59.00	-1,013.04
Office Supplies	2,968.41	2,000.00	-968.41
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Organist Honorarium	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Postage	150.26	250.00	99.74
Power	3,674.85	3,000.00	-674.85
National Asses.	0.00	5,756.00	5,756.00
Repairs	1,852.99	1,000.00	-852.99
Resource allow.	781.60	1,550.00	768.40
Sk. Conference	961.16	0.00	-961.16
Secretary's wages	8,685.90	7,500.00	-1,185.90
Senior Choir	0.00	50.00	50.00
Special events	1,990.02	1,400.00	-590.02
Telephone – church	2,490.66	2,800.00	309.34
Travel allowance	551.60	500.00	-51.60
Water & Sewer	2,247.20	1,500.00	-747.20
Workers compensation	100.25	100.00	-0.25
Worship	1,862.33	1,000.00	-862.33
Outreach	2,272.29	2,000.00	-272.29
Observer/Upper Rm	25.00	200.00	175.00
Total Expenses	126,674.02	124,075.00	-2,599.02
Net Income	-106.95	0.00	-106.95

Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting – St. Andrew’s United Church
March 5, 2023

Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday March 5th, 2023, during our morning worship service. There were 32 members and adherents present.

Doreen Hewitson called the meeting to order. Nominations for chairperson, acting secretary were called for. Lona Benson **nominated** Jeanette McLeod as chairperson. Val Mohan **nominated** Brenda Ormsby as acting secretary. Jean Minchin **moved** nominations cease, **seconded** by Sandra Owens. **Carried.**

**Opening
Worship:**

The meeting was held during church service.

**Adoption of
Agenda:**

Dave Hewitson **moved** to adopt the agenda, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair. **Carried.**

**Voting
Privileges:**

Moved by Eugenie Knight, **seconded** by Eva Wilberger that all present be granted voting privileges. **Carried.**

**Minute of
Silence:**

Chairperson Jeanette read the names of all our members who passed away this past year and we observed a minute of silence in their memory.

**Adoption of
Minutes:**

Motion by Shari Gardiner, **seconded** by Wayne Wilberger, the minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting of St. Andrew’s Congregation be adopted as printed. **Carried.**

**Business from
Minutes**

- there was no business arising from minutes

We reviewed the reports from last year as printed in the Annual Report.

Outreach – the fall supper was headed by Gwen Etter and Sandra Hodgins

Val Mohan **moved** to adopt these reports for 2022, **seconded** by Ona Lonnberg. **Carried.**

**Financial
Reports:**

We reviewed the financial report and budget. Wayne Sinclair commented that we achieved our goals but it is still very important that we fundraise. **Moved** by Wayne Sinclair that we accept this financial report, **seconded** by Donna Code. **Carried.**

Wayne Sinclair **moved** we accept the 2023 balanced budget of \$124,075.00, **seconded** by Wilda Hungerford. **Carried.**

Motion to waive audit in favour of a review of the books made by Lona Benson, **seconded** by Doreen Reaburn. **Carried.**

M&S Objective: Dianne Anderson **moved** that we set our Mission & Service objective at \$4,000.00, **seconded** by Ona Lonnberg. **Carried.**

Election of New Elders Lona Benson nominated Isaac Hintze as a new elder and moved nominations cease. Wayne Sinclair **moved** we accept Isaac Hintze as a new elder, **seconded** by Cheryl Knight. **Carried.**
We have two elders retiring: Nancy Stevenson, Heather McIntyre and Donna Code. We thank them for their commitment to St. Andrew's. We could always use more elders so the congregation was encouraged to consider themselves or others for this role.

Regional Rep Mervin Hanson will continue on as our Representative to Regional Council.
Lona Benson **nominated** Mervin Hanson as our Rep to Regional Council, Shari Gardiner **moved** nominations cease, **seconded** by Sandra Sinclair. **Carried.**

Appointment of Trustees: **Moved** by Bill Owens, **seconded** by Wayne Sinclair that we reappoint our trustees Doreen Reaburn, Cliff Olorenshaw and Shari Gardiner. **Carried.**

New Business: Doreen Hewitson commented that if anyone has any new Fundraising ideas to bring to the office.

Courtesies & Acknowledgments:

- Jeanette McLeod thanked Doreen Hewitson for leading us this past year, Dianne and our session members, the choir and our musical accompanists, the video people – lots watch our services on line
- Lona Benson thanked Dianne Anderson for her continued great job running the office
- Shari Gardiner thanked everyone who donated to EGADZ and those who delivered it
- Shari Gardiner thanked those that knit for the hospital; 25 prayer shawls were delivered to the hospital before Christmas and they have another 25 ready to go
- Shari Gardiner thanked our hospital chaplain Emily Carr...she is a very special and caring woman
- Shari Gardiner thanked everyone who donated to our auction and those who purchased items... and a big thank you to Gwen and Sandra for overseeing the supper
- Val Mohan thanked those who organized the auction and got everything on line; it's a huge job
- Doreen Hewitson thanked Dianne Anderson and Lona Benson...her go to people. Doreen also thanked all the congregation for their support when Dave had a stroke; she was overwhelmed with the love and care they received

-Shari Gardiner thanked Jeanette and Brenda for running our Annual Meeting

Adjournment: Cliff Olorenshaw **moved** the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m., **seconded** by Wilma Ormsby. **Carried.**

Brenda Ormsby
Recording Secretary

Jeanette McLeod
Chairperson